IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In Re Application of: Alex Behfar et al |) |
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| Application No.: To Be Assigned (Div. of 09/955,123) |) Group Art Unit) |
| Filed: Even date herewith |) Examiner |
| For: MONOLITHIC THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES |))) |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: